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COMMISSIONERS

JEFF HATCH-MILLER - Chairman WILLIAM A. MUNDELL

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RE: Water Utility of Greater Tonopah- CC&N Extension

DOCKET NO. W-02450A-04-0837

The Recommended Order in the above captioned matter that was mailed to you on October 19, 2005, inadvertently omitted Page 2.

Please find enclosed Page 2 of the Recommended Order. The deadline for filing exceptions is unchanged.

Sincerely Yours.

Marc E. Stern

Administrative Law Judge

On August 10, 2005, pursuant to the Commission's Procedural Order, the Company filed certification that it had provided public notice.

On August 25, 2005, a full public hearing was convened before a duly authorized Administrative Law Judge of the Commission at its offices in Phoenix, Arizona. The Company and Staff appeared with counsel. Public comment was taken at the outset and a brief recess was taken, after which the parties agreed to a short continuance to resolve certain issues prior to the evidentiary portion of the proceeding. By Procedural Order, the proceeding was continued until October 6, 2005, and the time clock suspended.

On October 6, 2005, the hearing resumed at the Commission's offices in Phoenix, Arizona. Applicant and Staff appeared with counsel. At the conclusion of the hearing, the matter was taken under advisement pending submission of a Recommended Opinion and Order to the Commission.

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Having considered the entire record herein and being fully advised in the premises, the Commission finds, concludes, and orders that:

## **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 1. Applicant is an Arizona corporation engaged in providing water utility service to 239 customers by means of seven public water systems located between 25 and 50 miles west of Phoenix near Tonopah, Maricopa County, Arizona.
- 2. On November 19, 2004, Applicant filed with the Commission an application for an extension of its existing Certificate to include approximately 2,066 more acres (the "extension area"), which is more fully described in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.
- 3. The extension area is approximately two and one-half miles east of the Company's nearest public water system.
- 4. Applicant has received a request to provide water service to Hassayampa Ranch that is being developed by Hasayampa Ranch Ventures, L.L.C. ("HRV"), which plans to subdivide the extension area into approximately 5,000 residential lots that will be developed in four phases. Plans call for Hassayampa Ranch to be provided with water service by means of a stand alone water system consisting of two wells, a one and one-half million gallon storage tank and the related distribution